

## CLAIMS

What is Claimed is:

- 1           1. A method for print job time estimating, wherein said method is  
2    comprised of the steps of:  
3                selecting a document to be printed;  
4                selecting a target printer;  
5                viewing a characteristic of the document on target printer home  
6    page;  
7                determining the amount of time required for the target printer to  
8    print the document; and  
9                printing the document.
- 1           2. The method, as Claim 1, wherein said document selecting step is  
2    further comprised of the step of:  
3                composing a document to be printed.
- 1           3. The method, as Claim 1, wherein said document selecting step is  
2    further comprised of the step of:  
3                obtaining a target image from a first web site.
- 1           4. The method, as in Claim 1, wherein said viewing step is further  
2    comprised of the step of:  
3                viewing a print preview image.
- 4           5. The method, as in Claim 1, wherein said determining step is further  
5    comprised of the steps of:  
6                viewing said document to be printed and determining a number of  
7    copies of said document to be printed; and  
8                interacting with said target printer.

1           6. The method, as in Claim 5, wherein said interacting step is further  
2 comprised of the steps of:  
3           employing a browser located substantially within a computer;  
4           establishing a connection between said browser and a server  
5 located substantially on a printer; and  
6           interacting between said browser and said server.

1           7. The method, as in Claim 5, wherein said interacting step is further  
2 comprised of the steps of:  
3           employing a browser located substantially within a computer;  
4           establishing a connection between said browser and a server  
5 located substantially on a first web site; and  
6           interacting between said browser and said server.

1           8. The method, as in Claim 5, wherein said interacting step is further  
2 comprised of the steps of:  
3           employing a browser located substantially within a computer;  
4           establishing a connection between said browser and a server  
5 located substantially on a second computer; and  
6           interacting between said browser and said server.

1           9. The method, as in Claim 1, wherein said method is further comprised  
2 of the step of:  
3           showing a preview of said characteristic of said document on a  
4 target printer home page.

1           10. The method, as in Claim 1, wherein said determining step is further  
2 comprised of the step of:  
3           providing an indication from said target printer as to the amount of  
4 time required for said printer to complete said printing of said document.

1           11. The method, as in Claim 9, wherein said determining step is further  
2 comprised of the step of:  
3           providing an indication from said target printer home page as to the

4 amount of time required for said target printer to complete said printing of said  
5 document.

1 12. The method, as in Claim 1, wherein said determining step is further  
2 comprised of the step of:

3 calculating an estimated amount of time required to print said  
4 document on said target printer.

1 13. The method, as in Claim 10, wherein said indication is further  
2 comprised of:

3 a display means.

1 14. The method, as in Claim 11, wherein said indication is further  
2 comprised of:

3 a display means.

1 15. The method, as in Claim 10, wherein said indication is further  
2 comprised of:

3 a light means.

1 16. The method, as in Claim 11, wherein said indication is further  
2 comprised of:

3 a light means.

1 17. A program storage medium readable by a computer, tangibly  
2 embodying a program of instruction executable by the computer to perform  
3 method steps for using a resource of an external device, the method steps  
4 comprising:

5 selecting a document to be printed;

6 selecting a target printer;

7 viewing a characteristic of the document on a target printer home  
8 page;

9 determining if the target printer can print said document in a desired  
10 time period; and

11 printing the document on the media.